IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : James G. Owen

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction/Election requirement mailed March 19, 2007, in the above-captioned application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.